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1 IN THE SENATE

2 SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 13

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IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

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FIFTEENTH LEGISLATURE - FIRST SESSION

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Relating to Alaska interests in Arctic

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National Wildlife Range regarding the

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Porcupine Caribou Herd.

8 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE:

9 WHEREAS the U.S. Congress is considering the options for future uses
10 of the Arctic National Wildlife Range (ANWR), including further development
11 of Arctic Slope oil reserves; and

12 WHEREAS the State of Alaska is also examining the economic and social
13 benefits related to these potential uses of ANWR; and

14 WHEREAS there are many options available to the nation and the State
15 of Alaska and these options will be thoroughly examined by Congress in its
16 deliberations; and

17 WHEREAS the further development of the State of Alaska's oil potential
18 is a critical element in the nation's energy program; and

19 WHEREAS the continued exploration and development of the State of
20 Alaska's energy resources is important economically to all Alaskans; and

21 WHEREAS all options should be examined during this period of review,
22 including national and international obligations; and

23 WHEREAS the Porcupine caribou herd and other wildlife in the Arctic
24 National Wildlife Range are important considerations in these delibera-
25 tions; and

26 WHEREAS the right of the State of Alaska to manage its wildlife and
27 fishery resources is a major concern and may not be diminished; and

28 WHEREAS the proposed Porcupine Caribou Herd Agreement initialed in
29 Seattle in December 1986 appears to significantly reduce the management

1 authority of the State of Alaska over this valuable resource; and

2 WHEREAS the proposed agreement could place unreasonable international
3 obstacles in front of potential U.S. options for developing the oil re-
4 serves of ANWR; and

5 WHEREAS the proposed agreement has not benefited from public comment
6 from some of the major user groups within the State of Alaska; and

7 WHEREAS the Porcupine caribou herd is presently at one of its historic
8 highs; and

9 WHEREAS the Northwest Territories, the Yukon Territory, and the State
10 of Alaska have demonstrated their ability to cooperatively and competently
11 manage the caribou herd without need of a formal agreement;

12 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate that the U.S. Department of State and the
13 U.S. Department of the Interior are requested to refrain from entering into
14 a formal international agreement until the present discussions over the
15 future of ANWR have been completed and the effect of an agreement on the
16 State of Alaska's management authorities have been completely examined.

17 COPIES of this resolution shall be sent to the Honorable Ronald
18 Reagan, President of the United States; the Honorable George Bush,
19 Vice-President of the United States and President of the U.S. Senate; the
20 Honorable Jim Wright, Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives; the
21 Honorable George P. Shultz, Secretary of State; the Honorable Donald P.
22 Hodel, Secretary of the Interior; and to the Honorable Ted Stevens and the
23 Honorable Frank Murkowski, U.S. Senators, and the Honorable Don Young, U.S.
24 Representative, members of the Alaska delegation in Congress.

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